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As of 12 August 1949 Communist military positions were as follows:

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25X1 The axis of the Communist advance is Foochow, Meihsien and Canton. The Communists expect to have the East River bandits completely under their command very soon.

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Kiangsi

Communist General CHEN Keng's troops are about 20 kilometers south of Sui-chuan and have a good clear road to Kanhsien. The lines of communication (sic) are in need of repair, and troops have been sent from Hankow for this purpose. The Communist objective after Kanhsien is Chuchiang, from which the Communist forces will swing northwest to strike Nationalist General PAI Chung-hsi's forces from the rear.

West Hunan

This area is quiet and is expected to remain so.

Hupei

No Communist advance west from Ichang is expected because of the difficult terrain.

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25X1 The Communist troops under General PENG Teh-huai are not strong. The Communist objective is to keep Nationalist General HU Tsung-nan's forces (recently

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reduced to 20,000) separated from all Moslem forces. The Nationalists face the danger that HU's defenses may break, which would lead to a Communist advance south through Hanchung to Chengtu and Chungking.

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